



EMBASSY
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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
Saigon, Vietnam

7 June 1968

MEMORANDUM FOR: Ambassador Robert W. Komer
Deputy to COMUSMACV for CORDS

SUBJECT : Emergency Legal Processes

1. A draft memorandum for the Prime Minister and an Aide Memoir on the above subject are forwarded herewith in accordance with your oral request.

2. The article in the Saigon Daily News (3 June 1968) to which you referred stated as follows:

"Minister without portfolio Mai Tho Truyen who was present at the reception with other cabinet members added that the government was examining 50 cases of corruption, and was about to finish 10 of them.

"Truyen also disclosed that the government was 'thinking of dissolving the Special Field Court' the existence of which was 'unconstitutional'."

3. It appears to me that Minister Mai Tho Truyen was referring to the Special Court, which tries corruption offenses rather than to the Military Field Courts.

4. I believe it is opportune at this time to discuss with the GVN the status of the Military Courts, the Security Committees, and the Special Court.

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5. I am also forwarding you a preliminary report on my investigation of the legal aspects of corruption, made pursuant to your note of 12 May 1968.

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Legal Counsel

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